

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

Methods, systems, and articles of manufacture consistent with the present invention provide for registering and controlling intellectual capital. Information describing a datatype to be registered is obtained. The datatype has a metadata that describes a data and a reference
5 to the data. The data is maintained separately from the datatype. The information describing the datatype includes a class field that is common to other datatypes and an instance field that is specific to the datatype. The information describing the datatype is stored in a registry, at least a portion of the information describing the datatype being included in the datatype's metadata.

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